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For : A STEP SUPPORT METHOD FOR USE IN THE
MANUFACTURING OF STRAIGHT OR CURVED STAIRS

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FOREIGN-LANGUAGE REFERENCES

A concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference not in the English language follows:

Japanese Patent No. 406294192A appears to disclose a stair-forming device.

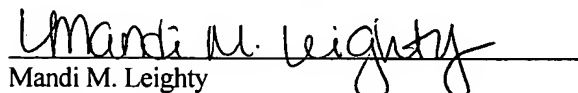
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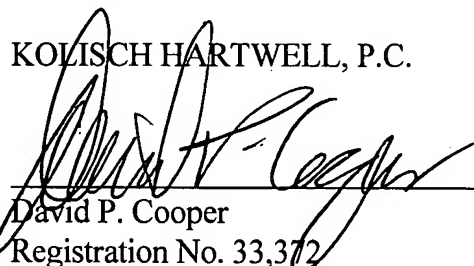
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	6,088,977	07/18/00	Lawrence			
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	5,791,101	08/11/98	Wallace			
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	406294192A	10/1994	Japan				X

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